GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION FOR THE POOR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had issued any directives to the effect that the Government should provide foodgrains to the poor and ensure that there are no starvation or malnutrition related incidents in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the regular and additional/special allocation and offtake of foodgrains and other items under Public Distribution System during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (b) Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 14.5.2011 has directed the Union of India to reserve 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for distribution to the 150 poorest districts or the extremely poor and vulnerable sections of our society.

In pursuance of the above directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Government has so far allocated a total quantity of 44.90 lakh tons of foodgrains to the States for distribution to the additional Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the poorest districts identified by the Central Vigilance Committee on Public Distribution System appointed by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(c) The details regarding the regular and additional/special allocation and offtake of foodgrains and other items under Public Distribution System during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, are at Annex I to V.